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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Information Systems  
Analysis Staff, DDA

FROM: Sayre Stevens  
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SUBJECT: Classification Waiver Request

1. NFAC requests that the National Intelligence Daily (NID) be exempted from the declassification review and portion classification requirements of E.O. 12065.

2. The NID is a highly sensitive and privileged all-source current intelligence communication published by the Director of Central Intelligence for named principals only. Distribution is limited to the President and Vice President, Dr. Brzezinski and the NSC Staff, and to the principal officers of the policymaking and intelligence communities down to assistant secretary or equivalent level. It is not distributed outside Washington.

3. The unique newspaper format of the NID and the diversity of sources that go into its articles combine to make portion classification impractical. Each article, except for one-or-two paragraph newsbriefs, carries the overall classification of the article at the end of the first, or summary paragraph, and again at the end of the article. To repeat classification at the end of each paragraph--especially those including an array of sources such as SI, TK, and SCI--would be distracting to the senior government officials who rely on the analyses in NID for a quick appreciation of the significance of world developments.

4. Classification of material in the NID is not used as the basis for classifying other documents.

5. All of the above considerations were factors in the decisions to exempt the NID from the provisions of E.O. 11652 and the implementing Headquarters regulations

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6. I would appreciate your urgent attention to this request.

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